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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
US. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to convey my concerns about the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) implementation of the rule for electronic logging devices (ELD) on small businesses and the livestock industry in Wyoming.

As a rural state, livestock production and small businesses make up a large portion of Wyoming's economy. Our businesses depend on transporting their goods and commodities long distances without major delays. For the livestock industry in particular, this involves transporting animals and insects in a safe and humane way for hundreds or thousands of miles. Wyoming's businesses have a proven track record of safely operating on our roads and do not need burdensome, confusing federal regulations to ensure driver safety. Without sufficient flexibility or time to implement the ELD rule, the negative effect on small businesses and the livestock industry could reverberate and harm the entire state's economy. Therefore, I ask that you take into consideration the unique issues facing small businesses and the livestock industry when determining whether FMCSA should grant any five year waivers from the ELD rule. I also hope that you continue to work with small operators who may struggle with implementing this rule in a timely manner.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to working with you to find solutions that balance safety on our nation's roads and highways with the needs of small businesses and the livestock industry. Should you need additional information, please have your staff contact Aniela Butler at Aniela_Butler@enzi.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Michael B. Enzi
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